



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill #	HB0306	Title:	Revise unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence
Primary Sponsor:	Eck, Jennifer	Status:	As Amended

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$32,085	\$34,592	\$37,234	\$40,020
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill will impact the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund due to the increase in the number of weeks victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are eligible to receive unemployment benefits. This bill will increase the number of weeks from 10 to 14 weeks, amending section (1) sub section (c), 39-51-2111, MCA.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Labor and Industry (DoLI)

1. For FY 2014, there were 22 eligible unemployment benefit claimants of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The average duration was eight weeks and the average benefit amount was \$208 per week.
2. The division assumes there will be qualified claimants each year as shown in assumption 6.
3. The duration of the claimant's eligible benefits will be limited to no more than 14 weeks, which is the total used to calculate the fiscal impact.
4. The Trust Fund will be impacted by the additional 6 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits paid with amendment of Section (1) subsection (c).

5. The average benefit amount of \$208 in FY 2014 is projected to increase by 3.5% each year
6. The average weekly benefit x eligible claimants x 6 additional weeks of benefits is shown in the chart below.

State Fiscal Year	Eligible claimants	Average weekly benefit amount	Additional weeks of duration	Trust Fund Impact
FY 2016	24	\$222.81	6	\$32,085
FY 2017	25	\$230.61	6	\$34,592
FY 2018	26	\$238.68	6	\$37,234
FY 2019	27	\$247.04	6	\$40,020

7. There will be some modifications to the existing computer system required, however they can be accomplished during other maintenance and will not have a fiscal impact.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Benefits	\$32,085	\$34,592	\$37,234	\$40,020
TOTAL Expenditures	\$32,085	\$34,592	\$37,234	\$40,020
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
Other	\$32,085	\$34,592	\$37,234	\$40,020
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$32,085	\$34,592	\$37,234	\$40,020
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
Other	(\$32,085)	(\$34,592)	(\$37,234)	(\$40,020)

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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